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In re Application of:

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Naosato TANIGUCHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/836,368

Examiner: A. Chang

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR STEREOSCOPIC IMAGE
DISPLAY

Date: January 21, 2003
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election of Species Requirement, Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time in the above-identified application.

☐ Additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	103	MINUS	103	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$40 \$84	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$135°/\$280						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$ 0.00

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

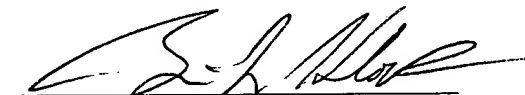
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☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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Response to Election of Species

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, which sets forth an election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution on the merits Species A. Applicants submit that Claims 1-5, 13-25, 27-33, and 35-38 read on the elected species. Multiple dependent Claims 24 and 32 should be read as depending on Claims 1-3, 5, and 13-17.

Applicants further submit that Claims 1 and 29, as amended below, are generic claims that also read on Species B, C, and D. The presently claimed invention relates to a stereoscopic image displaying method or apparatus in which an image displaying device for displaying a parallax image and an optical modulator capable of forming a light transmitting section and a light shielding section are provided. By synthesizing a displayed image with a location of the light transmitting and shielding sections and varying the location thereof, different images are respectively provided on each corresponding eye of an observer.

The figures corresponding to Species A-D identified by the Examiner, i.e., Figs. 1, 12, 20, and 23, each show, as the optical modulator for forming the light transmitting and shielding sections that select light rays from a displaying device, optical modulators that each use light polarizing elements different from the others. The optical modulator shown in each of those figures uses a function of a polarizing plate in which light having only a predetermined polarized direction is transmitted. That is, the modulators shown in each of those figures are directed to variations of specific arrangements of an optical modulator